

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS21325**

The purpose of this legislation is to clarify that a separate water right is not required for the collection, treatment storage or disposal storage, including land application, of the effluent from publicly owned treatment works. Effluent is water that has already been diverted under an existing right and has not been returned to the waters of the state. If the land application is to be on land for which there is not already identified a place of use for an existing water right, notice of the place of use will be provided to the department of water resources to allow the department to have complete records of where the water is being used.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

This bill, if passed, will have a positive fiscal impact to both the state and to local jurisdictions. The local jurisdictions will no longer incur the costs associated with the application process and the filing fee for a new water right application for water that has previously been appropriated. The department of water resources will no longer incur the expense in personnel time, and other overhead costs, associated with processing of those water right applications.

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